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**SPRINGFIELD, IL., March 21, 2000 -** Illinois Disclosure Information System Electronic Filing Workshops are now being scheduled.

Beginning with the semi-annual reporting period for the last half of 1999, a political committee is required to file its disclosure reports electronically if it has had receipts, expenditures, or a balance at any time during a reporting period of \$25,000 or more. Since the inception of mandatory electronic filing for qualifying committees, over 650 committees filed their semi-annual report electronically for the reporting period ending December 31, 1999. The Board encourages all political committees to file electronically, even if not required to do so. The program is easy to learn, fast and reliable. To date, over 700 committees have filed reports electronically.

The Board is scheduling training workshops in the use of the IDIS Electronic Filing Software. Workshops lasting approximately 3 hours will be scheduled at 8:30AM and at 1:00PM each day. If you wish to attend, please contact Barbara Dahlkamp at (217)557-3320. Pre-registration is required. After you have registered, a written confirmation will be mailed. Dates and location of the IDIS workshops are:

<u>Springrieia</u>	<u>Cnicago</u>
Capital City Center 130 West Mason Springfield, IL	James R. Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph, 2nd Floor Chicago, IL
June 6, 13, 20, and 27	June 8, 15, 22, and 29

The IDIS software may be downloaded from this website. You may also receive it on CD-rom or diskette by contacting either office.

Although not required, it will be helpful if you are somewhat familiar with the software prior to attending the workshop. As always, if you have questions regarding the use of the software, you may contact wither the Chicago office at (312)814-6440 or the Springfield office at (217)782-4141.

A **filer identification number** must be assigned to each political committee prior to the filing of its first report. This number may be obtained by calling the Springfield office.

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